

King's Children.

MIDDLE BRANCH, OHIO.

I being appointed by the president of our King's Children at this place to write a short article for the EVANGELIST will do the best I can. I must say that my honest and sincere belief is that there are no societies outside of the church itself that will so evangelize and bring the coming generation as near to Christ as a society for young people. Jesus loves to see people start in his cause when they are young and we certainly will never regret the time we put in the Lord's service for there is nothing so comforting to us when we have served our time upon this sinful earth as to say and have it said of us that we were true Christians and had spent the greatest part of our life in the service of our Savior. I hope parents will so bring up their children that they may and will see the goodness and grace of God and that they may start in his cause while yet young. I hope the Lord will be with all children and societies of this kind throughout this sinful world of ours.

We have a very interesting society here of about fifty members at least and prospects for more. We meet every Sunday evening and have not less than one hour of service. May the Lord be with us and bless us all.

ARTHUR HILL.

THE ENON KING'S CHILDREN.

Our Society has not been heard from for some time, and our president said last night that he supposed the people thought we had died; but we are doing nicely and are far from thinking of such a thing as quitting. Our meeting has been broken into lately by the extreme cold weather and bad roads, but last night we were able to get together again and enjoy a good meeting.

Our present officers are Sam Hoover, President; Etta Lichty, Vice President; Cora Blough, Secretary; Howard Hoover, Treasurer, Bert Hoover, Librarian.

The Seniors intend having a sociable the evening of the 10th. We had intended having it on New Years eve, but it rained and we had to postpone it and we have had bad weather and bad roads until the present time. As was said once before in a letter to the paper, our sociables are not for money making, because the society pays all expenses, but it is given in the name of Christ and is for the purpose of getting the young people together, get them together and spend an evening in a pleasant way. We always make it a point to specially invite those who are not members and in so doing we hope to some day get them into the society.

The young people in our church have never been used to speaking much in public or making public prayers, but we are learning in our society. It was rather a hard struggle for some of us at first, but now it has become a pleasure rather than a duty.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2: 15.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

Waterloo, Ia.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

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It is marvellous, the growth of missionary enthusiasm in the past century. Only 100 years ago Wm. Carey, the shoemaker of Paulspery was laughed at for wanting to go to India to preach the Gospel.

To-day, there are more Christian in India than there were in Rome after 100 years of preaching.

If India would only accept the Gospel message and the civilization it brings, how much the Christian world would be able to help her starving 81 millions which now must suffer because food cannot be conveyed to them.

David Livingstone also was hooted at for consecrating his life to bring the light to Africa but to-day his bones rest in Westminster Abbey and a monument honors his name.

According to Dr. Withrow, "In 1807 the first Christian missionary set foot in China. Then no native on pain of death was permitted to teach any foreigner the language and an imperial edict prohibited absolutely the preaching of the Gospel. To-day in Li Hung Chang's own hospital Christian teaching is constantly being carried on. Of the 350 Chinese churches two-thirds are self-supporting and contributed more money last year per member than the average church of Christian lands.

In 1866 Corea was a sealed nation. Christianity was absolutely prohibited. A brave missionary healed the nephew of the king and to-day this island of 15,000,000 people missionaries are welcomed with open arms.

In Africa where all was darkness 25 years ago, now are many points of light which glimmer even to the dark interior. The Scriptures are read in 130 dialects. Thirty periodicals are published.

To-day the proof of a rising or falling church is its attitude toward missions. "During this century of missions there has been more progress made in the Christian faith than in fifteen hundred years before."

Let us have wave upon wave of enthusiasm for home and foreign missions. A missionary church cannot be killed. Persecution only scatters the fire. Acts 8: 4. Hard times increase faith and humility. Let every voice speak out the message beginning at the nearest city and never stopping till the last shall have heard the news of life eternal thro him who loved us.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOKS.

Edward W. Bok, in the February *Ladies' Home Journal*, writes of the "wishy-washy," pernicious literature which is placed in the hands of the young through the Sunday-school libraries. He makes a plea for a reform of this evil, and has some words of regret that standard novels are not generally included in the libraries of Sunday-schools. He also gives the title and teachings of a few of the books procured from Sunday-school libraries.

"The first," he says, "was called 'The Assault on Bobby's Lesson.' Bobby struck a boy, who died from the effects of the blow! Imagine! Then Bobby became sorrowful, morose, finally went insane, was sent to a madhouse and there died at the age of twenty-three. The story plainly points to the fact that Bobby went to hell. Another book which I read, preached the cheerful gospel of idiocy. It was called 'Margaret, or the Story of a Little Idiot Girl.' In it a little girl was born an idiot, and eight little girls were daily sent to her house so that they might hear her idiotic sayings and feel thankful for their blessings! 'Oscar's Sunday Flowers' told the story of a boy who picked flowers on Sunday, and that finally made him an unsuccessful man for life! 'Jim's Confession, or a Boy Who Lied,' was the story of a lie. Poor little Jim told a lie to his mother one day, and that settled him. His tortures are pictured through one hundred and forty-eight pages, until he at last repents. But men and women shun him, and he is always known as 'Jim, the Liar.' * * * 'The Two Schoolboys' portrays two boys: one good, the other bad. Both die; one goes to Heaven and the other to hell! 'Little Ella' is a dressy girl. She puts on a bright red frock to wear to Sunday-school one day against her mother's wishes, and her downfall as a woman is the result! * * *

Church News.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC ASHLAND UNIVERSITY DAY AT MEYERSDALE, PA.

A very earnest meeting was held in the Meyersdale Church, Pa., in behalf of Ashland University. The church's apportionment toward the debt of the College is \$300 which they have agreed to pay on, or before the 1st of April. The Sisters Society has consented to make the canvass. Sister Mrs. Dr. U. M. Beachly will marshal the forces, and this alone is the assurance of success.

Brother W. A. Welty presided at the above meeting, and, in his quiet earnest way, stated the case, with its hard, and, in many respects, unpleasant facts. It won, and the battle was decided, the victory achieved, and Meyersdale church